

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 785 – SB 1335**

March 8, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), to study the risks associated with the use of non-motorized vessels at outdoor recreation areas located on waters in Tennessee. Requires the results of such study to be transmitted in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Tourist Development (DTD) on or before July 1, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004710):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates an advisory task force to study issues associated with the use of non-motorized vessels on state waters, including but not limited to, safety, education, access, rental operations, user conflicts, and fees. The task force shall be comprised of six legislative members including three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate. Requires TWRA to provide administrative support services to the task force. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives by January 1, 2018, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,100/One-Time**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The task force will meet at least twice between July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018.
- Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. However, legislative members of the task force will be eligible to receive per diem and reimbursement of travel costs.
- Each member of the task force will receive \$220 per diem plus \$0.47 per mile for an estimated 262 roundtrip miles (or \$123.14) for each one-day meeting.

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- The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$4,118 [(\$220 per diem + \$123.14 mileage) x 6 members x 2 meetings].
- Any increase in state expenditures for the TWRA to provide support to the task force is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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